REMARKS

This is an Amendment after Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312 and MPEP

714.16.

On April 19, 2006, a Notice of Allowance was mailed for the above-captioned patent

application. The claims have been amended in order to correct informalities therein.

Pursuant to MPEP §714.16, it is the applicants position that the amendments to the claims

are mere corrections of formal matter in the claims without changing the scope of the allowed

claims.

Furthermore, it is the applicants' position that such amendments to the claims, pursuant to

MPEP §714.16: (1) are needed for proper disclosure or protection of the applicants invention, and

(2) require <u>no</u> substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office.

If for any reason, the Examiner has any questions, it is respectfully requested that the

Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone

number to arrange for a telephone conference in order to help expedite the disposition of this

application.

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In the event this paper is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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